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SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEW OF PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER

1. QUAI SOUTHERN EUROPE DIRECTOR GELADE READ TO
EMBOFF AUGUST 13 TELEGRAM (PRESUMABLY FROM FRENCH
EMBASSY ROME) CONCERNING PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER
MARIO RUIVO. TELEGRAM IDENTIFIED RUIVO AS ARDENT
PROONENT OF SOCIALIST DOCTRINE, OF A BRAND CLOSE TO
THAT OF MARIO SOARES. GELADE NOTED THAT THIS CHARACTER-
IZATION DIFFERS FROM NEWS REPORTS THAT RUIVO IS
CLOSE TO COMMUNISM, AND THAT IT WAS OBTAINED FROM WELL-
PLACED SOURCES IN FAO SECRETARIAT IN ROME.

2. THIS TELEGRAM SAID RUIVO HAD QUIT JOB AS DIRECTOR
OF RESOURCES IN FAO DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES TO RETURN
TO PORTUGAL AT TIME OF SPINOLA'S ADVENT. EVEN WHILE
IN ROME, HE HAD NOT BEEN AN EXILE FROM PORTUGAL DURING
CAETANO REGIME; HE HAD VISITED LISBON PERIODICALLY,
ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT. TELEGRAM PRAISED RUIVO'S
PERSONAL QUALITIES, WIDE-RANGE OF CONTACTS IN INTER-
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NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LINGUISTIC ABILITY IN

ENGLISH AND FRENCH. RUIVO, WHO IS MARRIED TO A BIOLOGIST, STUDIED OCEANOGRAPHY IN SOUTHERN FRANCE AND WORKED AT THE PRESTIGIOUS FRENCH NATIONAL CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BEFORE GOING TO FAO.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO WAY OF JUDGING ACCURACY OF THIS GOF REPORT. FOR ONE THING, FRENCH ARE PARTIAL TO THOSE WHO SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE WELL AND HAVE ATTENDED THEIR UNIVERSITIES.

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